Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James (Jim) Penney and Audrey Jibben exchanged their wedding vows on November 12, 1954, in Davis, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Jim and Audrey gave life and love to three children, Ronald, Jeff, and Mary Ann, who have in turn blessed their parent's lives with eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Jim and Audrey have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

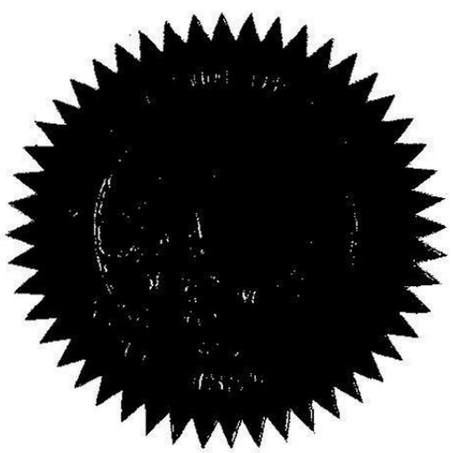
Whereas, Jim and Audrey have farmed for many years, volunteered for the Republican Party, Audrey served as Kingsbury County Auditor, is the organist at the Methodist Church, Jim served in the Korean War and was a Purple Heart recipient; and,

Whereas, Jim and Audrey will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Methodist Church in De Smet, South Dakota, on Saturday, November 27, 2004, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2004, as

JIM AND AUDREY PENNEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State